¶ A Proclamation, aswel for restrainct of caryyng of Graine out of the Realme and other of bringyng of the same to the markettes, as also for restraynct of caryyng out of all kyndes of victuailles and certain other commodites of the Realme, set furth by the kynges Maiestie, with thaduise of his highnes counsaill, for reformacion of the excessiue prices of victuailes the xxiiii. of September, the xxi. yere of his most noble reigne.

Where as heretofore by many good lawes, statutes, and other good ordres, it hath ben vpon diuerse peynes straightly forbidden that no corne, cattell, or other thinges appertaynyng to the foode and sustentacion of the people of this Realme, should in tyme of nede be conueyed out of the same into forein partes, or by couin & deceite to enhaunced to vnreasonable prices that thereby the native people of this Realme beyng lacking those sustentacions whiche the naturall soile of the Realme yeldeth principally to them, and also hardened with the excessiue prices of those thynges whyche remayne, should thereupon sustain misorder and damages of famine: Yet neuertheles the vnsatiable and gredy desire of diuers euill natured people, neither mindyng due obseruacion of good lawes, neither any preseruacion of naturall feruente loue then their owne countrey hath of late tyme contrary to the prouision of thesaid lawes bothe by frequent vnlawfull exportacions of thesayd victuailles out of the Realme into forein partes, and also by many vnsuffrable fraudes and couins deuised and dayly enterprised occasion of great scarcitie and vnreasonable prices of the sayd victuailles and sustentacions whyche no longer may be endured, wherfore the kynges Maiestie by thaduise of his highnes counsaill considering the great profite whiche may ensue of thexecucion of thesayde lawes and proclamations and the necessite of the same at this present tyme, doth by proclamacion as hereafter followeth prouide, and ordeyne, whereunto his Maiestie straitly chargeth and commaundeth all due and conuenient regarde to be geuen by all and euery his Maiesties subiectes as they will auoide bothe the paynes therin expressed and also his Maiesties highe indignacion.

First the kynges Maiesties pleasure is by thaduise of his counsail that no person or persons of what estate, degree or condicion soeuer they be, shall after .xxi. daies immediatly ensuyng the publication of this proclamacion in the countie where they or any of them dwelleth, transporte, ship or carry ouer the seas out of this his highnes Realme of England, or any other his graces dominions pertenyng to the same, or into the Realme of Scotlande or elles where into any other forein Realmes or countreis, and there do make willingly pour sale therof any Wheat, Malte, Rie, Barly, Pease, Beanes, Otes, or any other kinde of graine, or the meales of any of the same, Beefes, muttons, Veales, Chese, Butter, Tallow, Candell, Beere, Ale, Bread, Billet, Leather, Hides, Wood, Wooll, Felles, or any other kinde of victuall vpon paine to forfaicte afterell all the goodes and Catalles, that he or they haue to there owne vse, their aydours or consentours, at the tyme that they shalbe found to offend this proclamacion, as also the ship and shippes wherin it shall fortune the premisses or any of them to be transported, and also the thing or thinges it self so transported. Any licence, graunt or dispensacion to the contrary heretofore graunted in any wise notwithstandyng, whose matter of the sayd forfaiture to be to thuse of him or them that shal finde and present or apprehende the same, or whether moitie to thuse of the kynges Maiestie our sufferaigne lorde or to the lorde or lordes of the fraunchises who hath auctorite to haue the same by his highnes graunt or other lawfull meanes. For the recouery wherof, the first presentour and partye greued shall haue theire remedy by bill or information before the kynges highnes priuie counsaill or any two

of them in the Starrechambre, his graces courtes of the chequer, kinges benche or common place, or before foure Justices of peax of the Shire where thoffence shal happe, and the premisses or any part therof so to be caried ouer or transported, so that one of the said Justices of the shere be Justice also of the

Provided alwaies that the Merchauntes of the Staple may lawfully carry ouer and transport their Woolles and Felles to Calice, in suche sorte as they have ben heretofore accustomed, this Proclamation in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, that if at the time of the shipping or transporting of the premisses or any of them the best Wheate be commonly solde in England for. vi.s. viii.d. the quarter or under, and so after the rate. Malt of ꝑ best sorte for v.s the quarter. Benes or Pease of ꝑ best sort, for iiii.s the quar. Otes of ꝑ best sorte for. iii.s. iiii.d. the quarter. And Rie of the best sorte for v.s. the quarter, or under, that then it shalbe lefull to all and euery the kinges Marefties subiectes, being English or Denizens, to carry ouer and transporte euery of the said kindes of graine at their will and pleasour, this proclamation notwithstanding.

Provided also that all and euery of the kinges highnes said Subiectes, may carry ouer and transport any of the kindes of Commodities aforesaid for the victualling and furnishing of Calice onely, and the kinges highnes other peeces for warre therunto adioyning, this proclamation notwithstanding, so that by colour therof the said kindes of commodities, or any of them be not in any other places bestowed or employed contrary to thentent and true meaning of this proclamation.

Provided also further, that it shalbe lawfull for all maner of persons, aswel Merchantes as other, having goos and lawfull occasion to repaire to the seas to furnishe their shippes and vesselles with necessary provision of victuall for the same and not otherwise, this proclamation or any thing therin contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item, that no person of what estate condicion or degree soeuer that he be, after the said. viii. daies before expressed, shall bye or cause to be bought in open market or otherwise to be sold again, any Wheate, Whate Barly, Rie, Pease, Otes, Beanes, Wilselyn, Meale or any kinde of meates of any of the said Graines upon paine of forfaiture of the same grain or meale so bought to sel againe, or the vttermost value of the same, and the moytie of his or their goodes, Cattalles, Leales and Farmes, for terme of life, lives, or yeres or at will which he or they have to their owne vse, thone moytie of ꝑ said forfaiture to be to thuse of ꝑ partie greued, that shal first present and approue the same, and the other moytie to thuse of the kinges Maiestie or to such other as shall haue good right to the same as is aforesaid and the recouery therof to be had in forme aforesaid.

Provided alwaies that all Brewers, and Bakers may bie al and euery of the saide kindes of Graines and the Meales of the same, so that they conuert the same, so by them bought or to be bought, into bread or drink or one of them, and not to sel the premisses or any of them in that kinde or sorte as they bought or shal buy the same or any part therof.

Provided also that al and euery Innekeper and Innekepers, may sel and vtter in their Innes or houses to be spent and consumed there, Beanes, Pease and Otes, to such as be, or shalbe their gestes, and shalbe Lodged with them or any of them. So that they sel the same at reasonable and conuenient prices.

Provided also, that all Broggers and common carriers of grain, may by and sel any of the said graines, so ꝑ the same be sold to any Bakers, Brewers, Inholders or in open Market, Forseing alwaies ꝑ the said Broggers and common carriars ne any other to their vse haue at any one time of their owne in their possession or in the possession of any other to their vse aboue the noumbre of tenne Quarters of any one of the kindes of Graine aforesaid.

Prouided also that incase any person or persons meanyng or pretendyng at the tyme of the byeng of any of the said graines to expend the same onely in his or their houses and afterward shall happen to be commaunded to serue the kynges maiestie in his warres or otherwise, that then it shalbe lefull to him or them that shalbe so commaunded by any his officer or seruaunt to sell all the said kind of graines and euery of them in suche sorte and for like prices as the like graines shal then be commonly solde for in the market or under, any thing in this proclamation notwithstanding.

ITEM the kinges Maiesties pleasour by thaduise aforsaid is that the Justices of the peax in euery shyre citie, Borough or towne corporate shall deuide them selfes into hundredes, rapes, wardes, and wapentakes accordyng as heretofore in other his highnes affaires they haue done, And they or two of them at the lest within the limittes of their diuision shal with all diligence repaire to al Farmes, Barnes stackes and garners within the precinct or limites of their said diuision, and there view, serch, and trie out aswell by the verdict of honest men, as by all other good and laufull meanes and wayes by their good discretions what quantite and kindes of graine euery person and persons haue within the precinct of the same their diuision, and after the certeintie therof (as nere as they can) knowen vnto them, they shal allot, appoint and allowe to the owner of the said corn and grain so by them found in barnes, stackes or garners, sufficient & competent grain for the findyng and maintenance of his or their houses, tenements of their tenant cornes, and performaunce of any bargain or bargains made or to be made for the kynges maiesties house or to any nobleman, gentilman or others for thonly maintenaunce of his or their household and familye vntill the .xx. day of September now next commyng, & also for necessary seede to be employed on his or their farme or farmes to be sowen before the xx. day of June now next commyng.

And for the ouerplus of the said graine so found in barnes, stackes or garners, the said Justices shall by vertue hereof haue authoritie to charge and commaunde in our name and behalfe vpon peine by them to be limited, the said owner and owners to bring to the markettes next adioyning such portion of the sayde ouerplus as the sayde Justices shall thinke mete and requisite, and in suche sorte as by their good discretions shalbe thought mete and conuenient there to be sold.

AND his highnes pleasour also is that the Justices so viewing & seyng the premisses as before, shal after the view taken by their writyng signifie vnto the chief officer or officers of the market or markettes what quantetie of grain is appointed to euery man within their limittes to bryng to the said market or markettes, and of what sortes and kindes of graines he appointed to bee brought of euery owner or farmer, willyng and commaundyng the said officers of markettes and euery of them to note, and haue contynually good respect, that their apointment be at al markettes obserued, wherin if any shall fayle the said officer or officers shall certifie the Justices of the names of him or them that shalbe found faultie in this behalfe.

Prouided alwaies that incase any of the sayd owners do sel such portion or part of the portion of the corn or graine as he or they shall so be appointed to bryng to the market to any his neighbours being householders or common labourers hauyng not competent grain for his or their familie, and for only sustenaunce & maintenaunce of him self his house and familie, that then the same owner and owners shal be discharged from the bryngyng of the said portion to the next market so to his neighbour sold in forme aforesaide.

AND incase any farmour or farmours owner or owners shal refuse, or do not bryng to the markets his or their corn and grain according to theffect of this proclamation, or as he or they shalbe appointed by the sayd Justices, that then euery such offendour shal forfeite for euery such default tenne poundes &

suffer emprisonment by the space of thre monethes, whone molte of the said forfaiture to be to thuse of the partie that shall first present and approue the same, and thother moitye to thuse of the kinges Maiestie or to thuse of such chief lord or lords of the fraunchelis, as by his graces graunt or otherwise shal haue good right to the same and the recouery therof to be had and taken in fourme aforesaid.

Prouided alwaies, that if the said owner or owners shal not haue so muche grane as he or they shalbe commaunded to bring to the Market, or if the same portion so appointed shal happen to be taken by afterwardes to the kinges maiesties vse by any of his highnes Takers or Purueyours of Graine, and the same ducly proued before the said Justices, that then the said owner and owners shalbe clerely discharged of the saied penaltie and emprisonment and euery part therof, this proclamation, or any thing therin conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND for the continuall true and inuiolable obseruation of this proclamation for bringing of all maner of graines to the Markets, the kinges maiesties pleasure is that the Justices of peace of euery shire Citie, Borough or other Corporate, shall at their seueral diuisions to be made as is aforesaid, take such order that some one Justice of peace, at the least, be alwaies from time to time personally present in euery fayre and market within their seuerall Limites and there remaine during al the time of the same fayre or market, serching and examining with thassistaunce of thofficers of the same place, whether euery Farmor and owner of corne do effectually without all fraude and couin, bring to the market suche proportions & quantities of euery sortes of grain as hath ben appointed vnto them, such as shalbe found faultie therin, his maiesties pleasure is that the said Justices and euery of the shal do the best that in the may be, to haue euery such offendor forthwith punished according to the tenor of this proclamation, wherin his highnes requireth and straightly chargeth the saide Justices to bee diligent and vprig't, as they tendre his Maiesties pleasor and wil answer for the contrary. This proclamation to endure during the kinges highnes pleasure.

God saue the King

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